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CALPEEK's '96 FORECAST, TRENDS & CHEAP SHOTS.

Editor's note: CBS-TV news anchor Dan Rather says those who live by the crystal ball to make predictions *eat glass*. We'll see. So for what it's worth, here are our 1996 fearless forecasts, trends and cheap shots...

■ **Year of the Initiative** - With tort reform, CCRI and possibly casino gaming, the '96 Calif. election cycle will be known as *The Year of the Initiative*...

■ **Prediction - CCRI** (CA Civil Rights Initiative) will qualify for the November '96 ballot despite some earlier money and organizational problems. However, CCRI won't be the hot button proposition IF an initiative to legalize casino gaming in Calif. should qualify...

■ **Mayors to Watch in '96** - Top on the list will be incoming S.F. Mayor Willie Brown(D). But also keep your eyes on these mayors: San Diego's Susan Golding(R); San Jose's Susan Hammer(D); and L.A.'s Richard Riordan(RINO)...

■ **A New Political Term - Blue Dog Democrat.** These are conservative & moderate Demos, led by CA U.S. Rep. Gary Condit...

■ **The Big Screw Up of '95** - Moving CA's presidential primary from June to Mar. 26th. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that CA's impact will be minimal --- at best...

■ **'96 GOP Poster Couple** - U.S. Rep. Enid Greene Waldholtz(R-Utah) and new Orange Co. Assemblyman Scott Baugh...

■ **Hayden vs. Riordan in '97** - Many sources think L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan's primary reelection foe in '97 will be State Sen. Tom Hayden(D). And the hot issues will be **Metro Rail** and the MTA...

■ **It's Broken And Needs Fixing** - Calif. *term limit law*. Terms for State Senators (8 years) and Assemblymembers (6 years) should be the same. The current law is causing much of the instability in CA's Legislature...

■ **Early Leaders for Beavis & Butt-head Award** - U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher(R) and Assemblyman Curt Pringle(R), both from Orange Co. and both trying to distance themselves from the 67th A.D. recall mess...

■ **CA's 20 Day Waiting Period** - Beginning Jan. 1st, the waiting period for background checks on handguns will be 20 days, instead of 15 days. Needless to say, the gun lobby is furious. Who are they mad at? Calif. AG Dan Lungren(R). Stay tuned...

1996 CALIF. LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP WARS.

Editor's note: While much of this update will be devoted to the Republican civil war in the Assembly, there has been a new development in the State Senate worth noting. Here's our brief analysis...

...In the volatile CA Assembly, Demos have selected veteran lawmaker Richard Katz of L.A. as their leader, over the current caucus chair, Cruz Bustamante of Fresno. Katz replaces Willie Brown, who will become Mayor of S.F. on Jan. 8th. Katz got 27 votes. Bustamante remains as caucus chair, but Katz has added Kevin Murray of L.A. as Asst. Floor Leader, a smart move. With the defection of Dom Cortese(San Jose) to the Reform Party, the Demo caucus is now down to 37 members. Katz's big problem: *keeping the Hispanic caucus in line*. There is some definite tension here. Regardless, Katz expects all 37 Demos (plus Cortese) to support the current Speaker, Brian Setenich(R-Fresno), when lawmakers return to Sacto...

...And here's where all the excitement is focused. Setenich is under siege not only from GOP Assembly

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Leader Curt Pringle, but from CA Republican Party chair John Herrington and CRP vice chair Michael Schroeder. Herrington & Schroeder stepped in a pile when they demanded that GOP Assemblymembers sign a loyalty oath --- to support the member who gets the most votes in the GOP caucus. This has even angered some GOP members who still support Pringle for Speaker. And while Herrington says the oath is not anti-Setencich, clearly it is...

...Can Setencich survive? Remember, it takes 41 votes to dump and elect a new speaker. Setencich has 37 Demos + Cortese = 38. On the GOP side, CALPEEK counts 3-4 solid Setencich votes, plus perhaps another 4. That's more than enough. But if something should happen, our sources see new Assembly Speaker Pro Tem Fred Aguiar(R-Chino) as an alternative...

...What's happened to Pringle? His problem (and it's big) concerns the legal and PR brouhaha arising out of the 67th A.D. recall of Doris Allen(R) and the election of new Assemblyman Scott Baugh(R). This is a major flap for the GOP and an increasing number of GOP Assemblymembers want to distance themselves from Pringle. (See related story)...

...FYI: While Senate President Pro Tem Bill Lockyer(D-Hayward) remains in firm control of the Demo Caucus and the upper legislative house, there are some troubling signs for GOP Leader Rob Hurtt(Orange Co.). Sen. Maurice Johannessen(R-Redding) was elected GOP Caucus Chair on a 9-5 vote over Sen. Tim Leslie, who was supported by Hurtt. Was this just a minor stumble or was this a major defeat for Hurtt? Stay tuned...

L.A. CO. DA'S CONTEST: CAMPAIGNS GEARING UP.

Editor's note: No matter what happens with respect to the DA's race this Mar. 26th, Gil Garcetti will always be known as the DA who lost the O.J. Simpson Case, *the murder trial of the century*. And it's an issue that just won't go away. Here's our update & analysis...

...For example, on A&E's *American Justice*, which aired a Dec. 20th documentary titled, "Why O.J. Simpson Won," Garcetti and the LAPD were repeatedly bashed. And on CNBC's *Rivera Live* it was basically the same story. Is this having an impact on voters? Can't tell, because CALPEEK hasn't seen any

polling data. But we suspect the answer is YES...

...Aside from Simpson, is there any more bad news for Garcetti? Sources say the Deputy DA Assn. will be mailing out ballots on or about Jan. 3rd --- it's a vote of confidence on Garcetti's leadership. Our sources say the vote won't make Garcetti a happy camper. And then there's the Hangin' with Mr. Cooper case. For those who have forgotten, last November Sheriff's Deputies in West Hollywood busted a TV actor (Omar Miles Gooding) and two others on gun charges. The DA is being pressed to file felony charges against the trio. The laws that were reportedly broken were authored in 1994 by State Sen. Steve Peace(D-Chula Vista) and former State Senators David Roberti and Robert Presley. Law enforcement groups, as well as the gun lobby, are watching closely. Sources tell CALPEEK that if Garcetti doesn't file felony charges, this case could end up as a reelection issue...

...FYI: Garcetti's campaign team is now complete. The team will be led by the DC media firm of Trippi, McMahon & Squier; polling - Fairbank Maslin Maullin; and fundraising - Charlotte Dobbs. Dep. DA Malcolm Jordan has hired consultant Harvey Englander; polling - Arnie Steinberg; and fundraising - Ingrid de Llamas. Attorney Harold Greenberg has hired consultants Rick Taylor, Steve Afriat and Leslie Winner. The only other candidate who has officially entered the race is Dep. DA John Lynch, who heads the DA's Norwalk office. He has hired Jim Haney as his campaign manager. His official announcement got very little coverage. Shame on the L.A. Times. Stay tuned...

DLC OF CA 2nd LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE JAN. 10.

The Democratic Leadership Council(DLC) will sponsor its 2nd annual Legislative Conference, Jan. 10th (all day) in Sacto. The conference is called, *Beyond Partisanship: Ideas for the Next Calif.* For info ☎(619)522-0195...

ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATIVE SYMPOSIUM.

The Planning & Conservation League Foundation's 13th annual conference will be held Jan. 6 & 7 at the Canterbury Inn Hotel & Conf. Center in Sacto. For info ☎ Jamie Phillips at (916)444-8726, ext. 86...

PROBE INTO GOP DIRTY TRICKS IN ORANGE CO. CONTINUES. PRINGLE & BAUGH ON THE HOT SEAT.

Editor's note: Here's a brief summary of the way this political mess arising out of the Nov. 28th recall of Doris Allen(R) appears to many observers. Here is CALPEEK's analysis & commentary...

...This political soap opera began early in the recall election when Demo candidate Laurie Campbell ducked repeated interview requests from L.A. Times staffer Peter Warren. Had Campbell acted like a real candidate, eager for good news media coverage, you would **not** be reading this. Campbell was tossed off the ballot after she admitted that she didn't gather the signatures for her nominating papers. It was Warren's articles which partially exposed this part of the brouhaha...

...So what started as a relatively minor political flap has now escalated into an investigation by Orange Co. DA Michael Capizzi and the O.C. Grand Jury -- with major, statewide political implications involving GOP Assembly Leader Curt Pringle and new Assemblyman Scott Baugh. Some members of Orange Co.'s **GOP Junta**, who back Pringle & Baugh, are trying to divert the publics' attention from this mess by going after Capizzi. But few are buying into this diversion scheme because Capizzi has a very solid record...

...This unfolding mess has two basic parts: 1) Campbell's candidacy (how she got on the ballot); and 2) the financial problems of Assemblyman Scott Baugh(R)...

...Part 1. Thanks to a Dec. 16 story in the O.C. Register by reporters Jean Pasco & David Parrish, we now have an idea of what happened on the final day of candidacy filing because of GOP campaign volunteer Jeff Butler. Butler says staffer Mark Denny and recall mgr. Jeff Gibson gathered signatures for Democrat Laurie Campbell. Denny works for Pringle, while Gibson was on the recall's payroll at the time. While Pringle denies any part of this idiocy, one has to ask this question: would Denny/Gibson do this on their own, without Pringle's prior approval or knowledge? It's possible...

...Part 2. As for Baugh, his problems center around a \$1,000 contribution from Rick Campbell, Laurie's husband. The contribution was made very early in the campaign, but was not reported until election eve, Nov. 28th. Why was it reported late? Baugh says it was an

oversight, but had voters known that Baugh and the Campbells had known each other since 1987, it could have hurt Baugh, given all the negative publicity about Laurie Campbell. It gets even more complex. Baugh's biggest problem: his campaign treasurer, Dan Traxler, who disputes just about everything Baugh has said about this matter. More next week. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '96: U.S. HOUSE CONTESTS - AN UPDATE.

Editor's note: Here's a brief update & analysis on some developments which have taken place in recent weeks. Deadline for filing closed Dec. 29th --- a day after CALPEEK went to press. We'll update these and other races next week...

☒ **15th C.D. Analysis** - It really wasn't a shock that Tom Campbell(R-Palo Alto) mashed former San Jose Councilman Jerry Estruth(D) in the Dec. 12th special to replace veteran Demo Congressman Norm Mineta. Campbell got 59% to Estruth's 36%. There's a political proverb that says you can't beat a somebody (particularly a well-funded popular somebody) with a nobody. And that's what you had here. Was the Demo strategy to link Campbell to House Speaker Newt Gingrich flawed? YES, but it sure made Campbell nervous...

☒ **37th C.D.** - While we were on vacation, U.S. Rep. Walter Tucker III was convicted by a Federal jury of taking bribes and cheating on his income tax while serving as mayor of Compton. Tucker resigned his seat and Gov. Wilson has set a special election Mar. 26th. If no one wins a majority, then a runoff would be held May 21st. Seven(7) Demos who have taken out papers (no GOPers). They include Assemblyman Willard Murray Jr.; Lynwood Councilman Paul H. Richards; Compton City Clerk Charles Davis; Robin Tucker, the ex-congressman's wife; M. Susan Carrillo; Joyce Harris; and Robert Sausedo. No word yet on Demo Assemblywoman Juanita McDonald, who was looking...

☒ **GOP Target List** - The Nat'l Republican Congressional Cmt.(NRCC) has released its '96 target list. Targeted CA Demos include U.S. Reps. Vic Fazio (Sacto), Gary Condit(Ceres), Jane Harman(Rolling Hills), George Brown(Colton) and Tony Beilenson (Woodland Hills). Of this group, ALL are seeking reelection *except* Beilenson. While it was a given that Fazio, Harman & Brown would be targeted, many insiders are puzzled by the NRCC's targeting of Condit,

who votes along conservative lines. According to our sources, this move by the NRCC will push Condit right back into the Demo fold. Very dumb...

CALIF. INITIATIVE SCHEDULE: DEADLINE DATES.

Editor's note: The following is a list of all the initiatives which are currently in circulation and the deadlines for submitting petitions for verification of signatures. Constitutional amendments(C/A) require 692,711 valid signatures, while statutes(S) require 432,945 signatures...

<u>Title(abbreviated)</u>	<u>Statute or C/A</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
No Preferential Treatment	CA	1/24/96
Campaign Reform	S	1/29/96
U.S. Const. Amendment	S	2/14/96
CCRI	CA	2/21/96
No on CCRI	CA	2/26/96
Taxes. Assessments	CA	3/20/96
Taxes. Revenue. Felony	CA	3/27/96
School Vouchers	CA	4/1/96
Non-Unanimous Verdicts	CA	4/10/96
Gifts. Politics. Taxes	S	4/18/96
<i>Attorney-Client Fees</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>4/18/96</i>
Marijuana MD Use I	S	4/24/96
Marijuana MD Use II	S	4/24/96
Jarvis III (Local Taxes/Fees)	CA	4/29/96
Education. Public Schools	S	4/29/96
Hate Crimes	S	4/29/96
Marijuana III (Legalization)	S	4/29/96
DMV ID Cards	S	5/6/96
Save Dolphins/Whales	S	5/17/96
Cigarette Tax. Schools	S	5/17/96
Candidate Spending Limits	S	5/23/96
Minimum Wage Hike	S	5/23/96

...FYI: the Attorney-Client Fee Arrangements initiative backed by the Consumer Attys. of CA has been submitted to the various county registrars for verification...

● At the AG's office waiting for Title & Summary are about 20-25 more initiatives, including some real hot ones such as *casino gaming* and the *10-20-life* measure by Mike Reynolds. Also in the works, *The Patient Protection Act* sponsored by the CA Nurses Assn. and the *Radioactive Waste Control & Water Protection Act*(this one has Ward Valley written all of it)...

● The Field Poll has surveyed Props. 198, 200, 201 and 202. 711 registered voters, surveyed between Dec.

3-11. Most voters have no idea what these March '96 ballot measures are all about. These results are *after* a short summary had been read to those questioned:

#198(Open Primary). YES 65%, NO 24%, undecided 11%.

#200(No Fault Auto Insurance). YES 48%, NO 35%, undecided 17%.

#201(Shareholder Lawsuits). YES 48%, NO 36%, undecided 16%.

#202(Attorney Fee Limits). YES 64%, NO 23%, undecided 13%...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: 41-year-old John Brennan, director of the L.A. Times poll for the past 4 years, died of a stroke that was related to brain cancer. R.I.P...

● Another sad note: former Demo Assemblywoman Pauline Davis died in mid December from lung cancer. She served 12-terms in the Assembly. R.I.P...

● Kathy Van Osten, a sr. consultant to Assemblyman Richard Katz(D-L.A.), has been hired as a Sr. AE by the Sacto office of Stoorza, Ziegeus Metzger & Hunt...

● John Babcock, former KABC-TV news executive, is the president of the Bd. of Directors for Boys Republic, the Chino-based non-profit agency which provides services to disadvantaged and at-risk youngsters from throughout Calif...

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